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Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0011

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request extension of approval for the collection of information from those persons seeking to acquire title to public land under the color-of-title authority as a Class 2 claim. The BLM collects information to assure that statutory requirements for conveyance of title under the Color-of-Title Act have been met.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 28, 1996, to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: !WO140@attmail.com. Please include "Attn:1004-0011" and your name and return address in your Internet address.

Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, L Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vanessa R. Engle, Realty Use Group, 202-452-7776.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), the BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules to solicit comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Color-of-Title Act of December 22, 1928, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1068, 1068a, 1068b), provides for the issuance of a land patent (deed) to eligible individuals, groups, or corporations who believe they have a valid claim to public lands under color-of-title. The information collected on Color-of-Title Tax Levy and Payment Record Form 2540-3, is required by Departmental regulations 43 CFR 2541.2 for all applicants who initiate a Class 2 claim. These regulations were adopted on June 13, 1970 (35 FR 9592).

A claim of Class 2 is one which has been held in good faith and in peaceful, adverse possession by a claimant, his ancestors, or grantors, under claim or color of title for the period commencing not later than January 1, 1901, to the date of application, during which time they have paid taxes levied on the land by State and local governmental units.

Any individual seeking to acquire a title to public land under the color-of-title authority must make application and provide information essential to compliance with law, regulations, and procedures. The evidence needed to determine property rights through color-of-title regulations for a Class 2 claim is proof of payment of taxes levied on the property claimed by the applicant. Without this proof of payment, the BLM cannot finalize the claim.

Form 2540-3 may be submitted in person or by mail to the proper BLM office. The following is an explanation of specific items of information requested on Color-of-Title Tax Levy and Payment Record Form 2540-3, pursuant to 43 CFR 2541.2(4)(c)(2): (1) the name of applicant is needed to identify the person/entity filing a claim; (2) the legal description of the claimed land must be listed as recorded in public records of the county concerned; (3) tax payment information including the certification of the data on tax year, payor of the tax, and the amount of tax is necessary information to legally qualify the applicant to receive a property right from the Federal government; and (4) certification from the public official administering the county tax records or a certified

abstracter must be provided to determine the validity of the application.

Response is mandatory if the color-of-title claimant wishes to obtain the benefits of the statute and gain clear title to his claimed property. Failure to provide the necessary information results in the rejection of the color-of-title application. If the information on Color-of-Title Tax Levy and Payment Record Form 2540-3 was not collected, BLM would be unable to carry out the mandate of the Color-of-Title Act and the responsibilities for implementing 43 CFR 2540 and 2541. Form 2540-3 requires only the minimal information necessary to determine claim validity.

Based on its experience processing Color-of-Title applications, BLM estimates the public reporting burden for completing Color-of-Title Tax Levy and Payment Record Form 2540-3 is one hour. BLM estimates that approximately 37 Color-of-Title applications will be filed annually for a total annual burden of 37 hours.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Color-of-Title Tax Levy and Payment Form 2540-3 by contacting any BLM Office or the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

Dated: March 21, 1996.

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Chief, Regulatory Management Team.

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Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

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Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3 (a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW121598 for lands in Natrona County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination.

The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of